



### ACT OF LOVE

MAMA Lucy from Good Samaritan Natural Disaster Volunteers (GSNDV) presenting a Teddy Bear to a sick baby and her mother in the mountains of Rotokas, Wakunai district of Central Bougainville. While the world is celebrating the International Women's Day many mothers and children are still suffering in the remote areas of Bougainville. Picture: JACOB IENU

# Politics hinder service

BY GRACE SALMANG

LIBRARY shelves in remote parts of West Sepik Province are empty and without proper books because of political interference in the delivery of educational supplies as well as medical supplies, says a Rotarian.

Karo Haltmeier, who is the international director of the Rotary Club of Kenthurst in Sydney, told the *Post-Courier* yesterday that they could not deliver containers containing medical and education sup-

**Politics interfering with the delivery of educational supplies**

KARO HALTMEIER  
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plies for Green River and Amanam districts of West Sepik because of this.

She said the supplies were Rotary's to help and serve the remote people, and had nothing to do with West

Sepik politics and politicians.

"I want to make it known to the people that Rotary has nothing to do with politics, Rotary is here to help and serve the people," Ms Haltmeier said.

"In 2012 and 2013, we delivered two containers of medical and education supplies to Papua New Guinea as part of the project in the Pacific in delivering hospital supplies and books, stationeries, computers.

"These were specifically to the Vanimo General

Hospital and remote schools. In 2013, a second container was brought with supplies however, to this date these containers are not delivered yet," she said.

"We manage to get the books, computers and stationeries to Green River where the Education Department chartered two flights however, after two years the pile of books which were supposed to be delivered to Amanam have not been delivered.

Ms Haltmeier said according to her colleague based

in Vanimo, Emmanuel Peni, councillors of the Amanam LLG area had insisted that such charity donations were for political support.

"The council of the Amanam LLG area is stopping us from delivering such supplies to the schools which need books, stationeries and educational materials," she said.

Ms Haltmeier said school libraries were empty, the schools in Vanimo town have empty libraries, and for rural schools there was hardly any library.

## Unitech, DWU sign agreement

TWO universities will share resources and physical infrastructure to achieve the Government's call for quality of higher education and more access to higher education.

Divine Word University and the University of Technology on March 2 signed a memorandum of agreement at the Madang campus of DWU for this to happen. The purpose of the agreement is to enhance the quality of education at both universities, collaborate in exchange research activities, exchange of students and staff.

This will be done through teaching and learning collaboration, combined supervision of postgraduate students, joint research projects and training in enhancing quality of ICT infrastructure, and professional skills development.

DWU president Fr Jan Czuba and vice-chancellor of Unitech Dr Albert Schram signed the agreement, which was witnessed by Dr Subramaniam Gopalakrishnan of Unitech and Vice President academic Professor Pamela Norman of DWU.

"While it is important to increase access to higher education however at the same time," Fr Czuba said. "It is important not to compromise the quality of research, learning and teaching at both universities." He said through the sharing of resources and infrastructure the universities would be able to enroll more students.

# Computerised system to speed up insurance claims

BY LEONNIE WAYANG

EMPLOYEES who have lodged claims for compensation for work-related injuries can now expect them to be processed quicker after the launch of a computerised claims processing payment system (CPPS) on Friday.

The computerised CPPS would enable the Office of Workers' Compensation (OWC) under the Ministry of Labour and Industrial Relations to ensure claims were effectively processed in

a timely manner and that all records were kept in order.

As well as launching the CPPS, OWC also launched its website which provides information on what the organisation does, its vision and mission; it also allows claims for work-related accidents to be lodged online and employers to register online too.

"CPPS will provide injured workers and dependents of the deceased workers the opportunity to lodge their claims for workers compen-

sation more efficiently and within minimum time," said George Vaso, the acting Secretary of Labour and Industrial Relations.

"The system will enable injured workers and dependents of deceased workers to lodge workers' compensation claims for injuries and death sustained at the workplace online.

"Employers can register with CPPS online and check the status of their employees' claims." Employers who do not have access to internet

services were encouraged to visit the OWC's customer service centre for assistance.

Mr Vaso said rural workers can collect the required information through their employers or they can visit the OWC's provincial offices or provincial labour offices for assistance with the system. "The monitoring activity is enhanced for compliance with compulsory workers compensation insurance policy and penalise defaulters," he said.

## PNG delegation to attend UN session

A DELEGATION from the PNG Public Service has been invited to UN Headquarters in New York to visit 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women and present innovative approaches to addressing gender-based violence during the dedicated side event.

Papua New Guinea is among two other countries - Guatemala and Argentina -

whose work on gender based violence has been selected as an innovative intervention. The examples of this work include new SMS-alert system for violence victims and GBV service database system.

The new SMS-alert system will connect human rights defenders from the communities to Family Sexual Violence Action Committee

Secretariats in the provinces. Through free of charge SMS-system human rights defenders will be able to send requests for urgent assistance. The secretariats will be available 24/7, and will be responsible to providing appropriate support to the victims.

The GBV service database will allow to collect reported cases and help to identify

existing bottlenecks, monitor the response rates and provide insights to the extent of support needed for further planning.

Both interventions are introduced by joint initiative of the Government of Papua New Guinea and UNDP.

The delegation will be headed by the Secretary of the Department of Personnel Management.

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